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### **Pianist James Gary to Perform in Free Central Library Concert** *Program will Feature Music by Chopin and Debussy*

**SAN DIEGO** – The fourth concert of the 2008 Winter/Spring Concert Series of the City of San Diego Public Library will feature pianist James Gary. The program will be held Sunday, March 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, 820 E St., in downtown San Diego.

The program will be devoted to gems of the piano repertoire by Polish composer Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849) and the French composer Claude Debussy (1862-1918). Chopin's music embodies the most expressive traits of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Romantic piano composition and virtuosic piano technique, while the impressionist music of Debussy, a seminal figure in Europe at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, influenced generations of composers with its harmonic innovations, unusual pedal effects, and layers of refined sound. The concert will include the following pieces:

#### **Frédéric Chopin**

Barcarolle, op. 60  
Nocturne no. 5, F-sharp major, op. 15, no. 2  
Nocturne no. 7, C-sharp minor, op. 27, no. 1  
Nocturne no. 15, F minor, op. 55, no. 1  
Waltz, A-flat major, op. 34, no. 1

#### **Claude Debussy**

*Etude, Pour les octaves*  
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*Cloches à travers les feuilles*  
*Et la lune descend sur le temple qui fût*  
*Poissons d'or*  
*L'isle joyeuse*

James Gary studied piano with the legendary Ilana Mysior. In 1985 he was selected to be staff pianist of the San Diego Youth Symphony, and later toured with the orchestra as piano soloist in England and Scotland. He later graduated from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where he studied the piano with Adolf Baller, the famed piano accompanist of violin virtuoso Yehudi Menuhin. For the past fifteen years, Mr. Gary has taught and mentored piano students, and still performs in recital and with orchestra.

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The concert is free and open to the public. Free parking is available at the Five Star Parking lot adjacent to the Library on Broadway and 8th. In addition, parking meters are not enforced on Sundays, and other pay parking lots are available in the vicinity of the library.

For further information, please call the Library's Art, Music and Recreation Section at 236-5810, or visit the Library web site at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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